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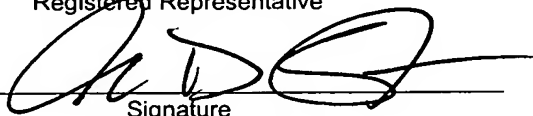
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FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

Foreign Patent Documents

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
EP 0 187 728 A2	07/16/86	Europe
WO 96/11656	04/25/96	PCT

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>
International Search Report in corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US02/39575, dated 07/01/03, 4 pages.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

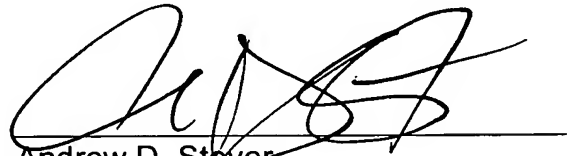
This Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). In addition, the undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a counterpart PCT application PCT/US02/39575 on July 1, 2003, which is not more than three months prior to the filing date of this statement.

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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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